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: Use of Erythritol and/or Xylitol in Baking Mixtures or Doughs for Non-Perishable Goods Made from Flours and/or Starches as Partial

or Complete Sugar Replacement

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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

GEVIEDERY XAF In reply to the Office Action of October 21, 2002, applicants request reconsideration and favorable action on claims 1-19, which are the claims now remaining for examination after claims 28-35 have been withdrawn from consideration. Applicants also respectfully request reconsideration of the decision to withdraw the latter claims. The reasons for this

request are stated below; in the event such reconsideration be denied, applicants reserve a possible divisional application directed to these method claims: